Hello Staff, Parents, Carers and friends,

The Cocktail Party held on Saturday night at “Bayside” Burnie, has been the most important event this last fortnight. Not only was this event a major fundraiser but it brought together so many local community people who wholeheartedly support the School of Special Education Burnie Campus and Multicap. Congratulations to all the helpers on the day and to the organizing committee who co-ordinated the evening. The new venue, the “Bayside” Burnie was tastefully decorated by Wendy Cumming and Meg Collidge – a big thank you! It was a great, fun night!

**Student Free Professional Learning Day – Friday, 29th October**

This day was our last one for 2010 with support and teaching staff members from both campuses gathering at the Burnie Campus. The sessions were as follows:

- Follow up reports from recently held workshops – Laurie (Speech) & Ted (behaviour management)
- Gastrostomy tube feeding – introductory session led by Pam Patterson and Tracey Beattie – Stoma Nurse NW Regional hospital
- Signing Session – led by Michelle Cooney (Communication Facilitator) for TA’s
- ICT training – led by Lynne Ryan
- Teachers together discussed the connections between the “Woden School” curriculum documents and 4 Blocks literacy/ School Report writing.
- Sharing of the proposed PL program commencing 8th February 2011 for all staff

Due to the growing number of staff members who participated in this day, the sessions were arranged in small co-ordinated groups which proved to be successful particularly for the ICT and the signing sessions.

I thank all those staff members who assisted with organising and presenting the professional learning sessions. Well Done!
Review of Alternative Programs

During the next few weeks all staff members will have an opportunity to review and provide feedback for several programs that currently are operating across both campuses. This reflective review will assist to clearly define whether learning goals for students have been attained and will identify how programs for 2011 can be improved.

NEiTA TEACHING AWARDS results

As you are all aware, Mrs Jacqui Astley, our music teacher who services both campuses was nominated by the Devonport Campus School Association for a NEiTA award in recognition of her creative musical talents when working with students with severe disabilities. Jacqui’s classes are always carefully planned to promote maximum participation by students within a supportive and fun atmosphere.
We sincerely congratulate Jacqui on being a finalist and whilst she didn’t achieve a final state award we intend developing one of Jacqui’s initiatives stated in her Teacher Self-Portrait during 2001.

Jacqui said ‘It was a real honour to be nominated especially when I am getting towards the end of my career. I was really chuffed to be considered’.

Best Wishes, Grace

Uniform: It would greatly assist us if you could notify the office of your intension to purchase uniform for your child for next year, as we have some stock but sizes are limited.

REMINDER: We ask parents, carers and other visitors to the school to please observe the speed limit in and out of the grounds. We have been notified of cars exceeding the limit which is 20 kph in and around the Hellyer grounds and 15 kph in our own area. A police officer is on duty at the college and fines can be imposed.